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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/850,147
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Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants**
Applicants: Scott E. ANDERSEN *et al.*
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Appointment of Associate Attorneys;
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
3. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate); and
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Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.251:

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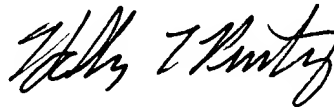
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Respectfully submitted,



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